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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO SOVIET UNION AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
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1. THERE IS NO LONGER A RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF A US  
PASSPORT TO TRAVEL TO PRC. THE HOLDER OF AN OLDER PASSPORT  
CONTAINING SUCH RESTRICTION MAY HAVE IT DELETED AT ANY US  
CONSULATE OR EMBASSY. (SEE AIRGRAM A-5900 JULY 11, 1973.)

2. PRC OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY CANNOT YET ENCOURAGE  
GENERAL TOURIST TRAVEL BECAUSE FACILITIES FOR VISITORS ARE  
LIMITED. PRC HAS GIVEN VISAS TO AMERICANS, HOWEVER, IN  
FAIRLY WIDE RANGE OF FIELDS OF INTEREST TO IT, INCLUDING  
MEDICINE.

3. RIGAMER CAN APPLY FOR PRC VISA THROUGH ANY PRC EMBASSY  
IN EUROPE, ALTHOUGH LONDON AND PARIS ARE PROBABLY MOST  
ACCUSTOMED RECEIVING APPLICATIONS. HE COULD SEND TELEGRAM  
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AHEAD TO PRC EMBASSY GIVING BIO DATA AND STATING PURPOSE

AND DATES OF PROPOSED TRIP AND WHEN HE INTENDS APPEAR AT EMBASSY. COULD ALSO TELEGRAPH COPY TO CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, PEKING, PRC. BECAUSE PRC IS DELUGED WITH APPLICATIONS FROM AMERICANS THERE IS USUALLY A LONG WAIT BEFORE RECEIVING RESPONSE FROM CHINESE.

4. RIGAMER MAY APPLY FOR SOVIET VISA IN ANY EUROPEAN CAPITAL WHERE USSR IS REPRESENTED. IN ADDITION TO PASSPORT AND VISA APPLICATION, HE MUST PRESENT THREE PHOTOS, INTOURIST LETTER OR CABLE CONFIRMING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND INTOURISTACCREDITED TRAVEL AGENT VOUCHER IN PROOF OF PAID SERVICES. APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR USSR, AND FURTHER IN ADVANCE IF FEASIBLE.

5. UPON COMPLETION HIS PEACE CORPS TOUR RIGAMER SHOULD APPLY AT NEAREST EMBASSY OR CONSULATE FOR REGULAR TOURIST PASSPORT FOR USE IN HIS PERSONAL TRAVEL. RUSH

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